

NOMINATION FOR AWARD		
AWARD <b>Outstanding Public Affairs Entry-Level Civilian</b>	CATEGORY (If Applicable) <b>MAJCOM - Individual</b>	AWARD PERIOD <b>1 Jan 01 - 31 Dec 01</b>
RANK/NAME OF NOMINEE (First, Middle Initial, Last) <b>GS 7-9, Robert J. Bardua</b>	SSN (Enter Last 4 Only) <b>7960</b>	MAJCOM, FOA, OR DRU <b>AFMC</b>
DAFSC/DUTY TITLE <b>1035, Public Affairs Specialist</b>	NOMINEE'S TELEPHONE (DSN & Commercial) <b>DSN 787-4466 Com 937-257-4466</b>	
UNIT/OFFICE SYMBOL/STREET ADDRESS/BASE/STATE/ZIP CODE <b>HQ AFMC Public Affairs, AFMC/PA, 4375 Chidlaw Rd, N152, Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433-5006</b>		
RANK/NAME OF UNIT COMMANDER (First, Middle Initial, Last)/COMMANDER'S TELEPHONE (DSN & Commercial) <b>Colonel Donna L. Pastor, DSN 787-6306, Com 937-257-6306, donna.pastor@wpafb.af.mil</b>		
SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Use single-spaced, bullet format)		
<p><b>Job Knowledge/Professional Qualities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-This highly-skilled PA professional has an uncanny ability to focus on the most complex of projects</li> <li>-Played critical role communicating AFMC's workforce shaping needs after only 6 months on the job</li> <li>--Organized interviews, giving command officials opportunity to tell complex story of AFMC need to replenish its aging civilian workforce. On-target results with <i>Wall St. Journal</i>, <i>Cox News</i>, <i>Fed Times</i></li> <li>--Personally delivered key workforce shaping messages while working follow-on media queries</li> <li>--Established partnership with Fortune 500 company--Daimler-Chrysler--for recruitment of displaced workers. Manned job fair booth and personally put critical info in the hands of media and recruits</li> <li>--Made it happen! Pushed through plan to have command officials interviewed on Air Force's Opportunity Showcase talkshow. Workforce shaping message delivered to key DOD audiences</li> <li>-Key player on AFMC/PA internal communication team that led all AF commands in news coverage and productivity--his work was among 600+ articles in 2001 that kept AFMC's 88,000 informed</li> <li>--Sold the story! By compiling a list of potential AFMC articles and events, his work led to 193 command stories picked up by Air Force Print News for distribution to installations worldwide</li> <li>-- In-depth story on AF Office of Special Investigation eagerly published by <i>Global Reliance Magazine</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Leadership/Organizational &amp; Planning Skills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-When base went to minimal staffing after 9-11 attacks, Mr. Bardua stepped forward to man office</li> <li>--Helped skeleton staff field queries and forward critical PA guidance to command's base PA offices</li> <li>-Planned and gathered prep material for series of internal and media interviews for 4-star during trip to Pacific bases. Allowed commander to deliver key messages on AFMC's theater warfighter support</li> <li>-Charged forward with planning a visit to HQ AFMC by a Washington news correspondent. His hands-on attention to every aspect of visit ensured reporter gained valuable insight into AFMC issues</li> <li>-Led team that prepared PA handouts and products for 30 Cincinnati civic leaders on 4-star sponsored tour of AF bases. Thanks to his products, attendees left with a greater understanding of AF mission</li> <li>-Key in planning annual PA Directors Workshop. Once plan complete, he led by doing. First in line to volunteer for everything from managing transportation to escorting briefers to and from the workshop</li> <li>-Stepped forward to single-handedly plan office team-building exercise. Result: office morale boosted!</li> </ul> <p><b>Judgement/Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Judgment always on the mark! Whether he's accompanying a general officer to a community event or fielding questions from a persistent reporter, making the right decision is an inherent ability</li> <li>-When former President Clinton came to Wright-Patterson AFB to receive the Dayton Peace Prize, Mr. Bardua was among a select group chosen to provide PA support for the event. His keen judgment and situational awareness enabled him to easily direct, assist the media, national dignitaries in attendance</li> <li>--Personally entrusted to escort, advise and assist C-SPAN video crew covering presidential ceremony</li> <li>-Hand-picked to make all media arrangements and escort 3-star vice commander on outreach trip to Chattanooga TN. Great results! Key messages ran in local papers and aired on television and radio</li> <li>--No detail left unattended. Every aspect of trip was meticulously planned. Rave reviews from 3-star!</li> </ul> <p><b>Communication Skills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Consummate writer and editor. A pro when it comes to keeping the internal workforce informed via the written word. His articles are comprehensive, well-edited and as good as those of any media pro</li> <li>--Correspondence and other works equally well-written. Chosen to write letters for 4-star's signature</li> <li>-Customer-oriented communications skills! Smooth in greeting, directing attendees at commander's call</li> <li>-Always poised, confident! Accompanied senior HQ staff to several high-visibility community events</li> <li>-Shared his communication skills with his peers. His communication abilities allowed him to help his Aerospace Basic Course (entry-level PME) flight net "Top Flight" honors, rare for a civilian PA</li> <li>-Craved new job skills. Eagerly completed classes from desktop publishing to crisis communication</li> <li>-Quickly learned AF and AFMC missions. Can enthusiastically tell the AF story with the best of them!</li> </ul>		

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